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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In an adhesive bandage comprising a flexible backing, a pressure-sensitive adhesive on one side of said backing, a pad attached to said backing on the adhesive-faced side, said pad being positioned intermediate transverse edges of said backing; the improvement wherein the non-adhesive side of said backing is provided with text markings specifying ~~indicating~~ care instructions for a wound.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the text markings indicate the day the bandage was applied.

A1 4. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the text markings indicate the day the bandage should be changed.

5. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the text markings indicate proscriptive care instructions.

6. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the non-adhesive side of said backing further includes markings that ~~further~~ indicate where additional text or indicia should be added to the bandage.

7. (original) The adhesive bandage of claim 6 wherein the markings include a line for the addition of text or other wound care indicia.

8. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the care instructions ~~indicate~~

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~~when the bandage should be changed~~ direct that the wound should be kept dry.

9. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the text markings indicate the day the bandage was applied specify that the bandage should be changed on a periodic basis.

10. (original) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the care instructions reference a wound protocol; and wherein the wound protocol is associated with at least one care instruction.

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11. (currently amended) ~~The adhesive bandage of claim 1~~ In an adhesive bandage comprising a flexible backing, a pressure-sensitive adhesive on one side of said backing, a pad attached to said backing on the adhesive-faced side, said pad being positioned intermediate transverse edges of said backing; the improvement wherein the non-adhesive side of said backing is provided with markings indicating care instructions for a wound wherein the markings is a color; and wherein the color is associated with at least one care instruction a temporal parameter.

12. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 22 ~~11~~ wherein the color is associated with a particular day of the week; and wherein the adhesive bandage was applied on said particular day.

13. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 22 ~~11~~ wherein the color is associated with a particular day of the week; and wherein said adhesive bandage should be changed by said particular day of the week.

14. (currently amended) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 further comprising an adhesive label applied to the non-adhesive side of said backing, wherein the adhesive label includes the text markings indicating care instructions for a wound.

15. (original) The adhesive bandage of claim 1 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive covers substantially the entire adhesive-faced side of the backing.

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16. (original) A method allowing for a visible indication that a bandage should be changed, the method comprising the steps of:

maintaining a supply of bandages, wherein each bandage in said supply is marked with one of seven different colors, and wherein said supply of bandages includes bandages from all of the seven different colors;

associating each of the seven different colors with a different day of the week; and

applying one of said bandages to a patient, wherein the bandage is marked with the color associated with the then-current day of the week.

17. (original) A method allowing for a visible indication that a bandage should be changed, the method comprising the steps of:

maintaining a supply of bandages, wherein each bandage in said supply is marked with one of seven different colors, and wherein said supply of bandages includes bandages from all of the seven different colors;

associating each of the seven different colors with a different day of the week; and

AI applying one of said bandages to a patient, wherein the bandage is marked with the color associated with the day of the week on which removal of said bandage is intended.

18. (original) A method allowing for a visible indication that a bandage should be changed, the method comprising the steps of:

maintaining a supply of bandages, wherein each bandage in said supply is marked with one of set of different markings, and wherein said supply of bandages includes bandages from all of the set of different markings;

associating each marking of the set of different markings with a different wound protocol;
and

applying one of said bandages to a wound of a patient, wherein the bandage is marked with the marking associated with a desired wound protocol to be applied to the wound.

19. (original) The method of claim 18 wherein the markings are text markings.

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20. (original) The method of claim 18 wherein the markings are color markings.

21. (original) The method of claim 18 wherein the markings are symbols.

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